GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITMENT OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Defence Personnel recruited throughout the country during 2006-07 and 2007-08, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to give proportionate representation to the people of tribal dominated States of the country;

(c) the location-wise recruitment centres in the country as on date especially in the tribal areas; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to go for local purchase of various tribal products in all defence establishments in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2237 FOR ANSWER ON 3.12.2007

1. The recruitment of officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force is based on merit and is equally open to every citizen of the country without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, tribe or religion. There is, therefore, no state-wise allocation of vacancies in the recruitment of officers.

2. Recruitment of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) in Army is made in the block of two years on the financial year basis. Details of candidates recruited in Army during the Recruiting Year 2006-2007 are given in Annexure-A. The number of candidates recruited for the year 2007-2008 is not available as the recruitment is not completed. In Navy and Air Force recruitment of PBOR are carried out on calendar year basis. Details of recruitment of PBOR in Navy and Air Force for the year 2006 and 2007 are given in Annexure-A.

3. Recruitment in the Armed Forces is open to every citizen of India provided he or she meets laid down physical, medical and educational criteria. The following steps are being taken by Services to step up recruitment from tribal dominated states of country:-

(i) The Army conducts Recruitment rallies in the North Eastern States. Wide publicity is given to the Recruitment rallies. Emphasis is given on organising recruitment rallies in the rural and backward areas with the help of civil administration. Youth of certain areas which are not so well developed are given dispensation in educational and physical standards.

(ii) Navy conducts recruitment through examination centres. Special recruitment drives are also carried out in low response, remote areas to fill up unfilled vacancies.

(iii) The Air Force conducts Recruitment rallies for selection of Airmen in order to give opportunity to the youth hailing from tribal, remote and low response areas.

4. List of recruitment centres in the country in respect of Army, Navy and Air Force are attached as Annexure-B to D.

5. Certain items like fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, potato, onion, garlic, hay and milk which are scaled to the Army are being procured from local cooperatives located at inaccessible areas of J&K and North East through negotiated contracts. In Navy, local purchase of authorized provisions, which could include tribal products, is carried out by the local formations on the basis of competitive rates as per Defence Procurement Manual (DPM), 2006.